

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:

[0007] The expandable sand screen may include protective features that help protect the instrumentation line disposed along the outside of the sand screen as the sand screen is run and expanded. For example, the instrumentation line may pass along a recess in the outer diameter of the sand screen. Arrangements for the recess are described more fully in the pending application entitled "Profiled Recess for Instrumented Expandable Components," having Serial No. 09/964,034, now U.S. Patent No. 6,877,553 issued April 12, 2005, which is incorporated herein in its entirety, by reference. Alternatively, a specially profiled encapsulation around the sand screen which contains arcuate walls may house the instrumentation line. Arrangements for the encapsulation are described more fully in the pending application entitled "Profiled Encapsulation for Use with Expandable Sand Screen," having Serial No. 09/964,160, now U.S. Patent No. 6,932,161 issued August 23, 2005, which is also incorporated herein in its entirety, by reference. However, these protective features fail to protect the instrumentation line from the chemicals used during well completion and remediation operations. With the instrumentation line clamped to a liner or sand screen and/or disposed in a protective feature of a sand screen, it is not possible to pull the instrumentation line during an acid wash or other remedial operation, at least not without pulling the tubular and/or sand screen.

Please replace the abstract with the following amended paragraph:

A coupler and a method for installing an instrumentation line, such as fiber optic cable, into a wellbore—~~are—provided~~. The coupler places upper and lower instrumentation lines in communication with one another downhole to form a single line. The coupler comprises a landing tool and a stinger that lands on the landing tool, thereby placing the upper and the lower instrumentation lines in communication. The landing tool is run into the wellbore at the lower end of a tubular, such as production tubing. The upper instrumentation line affixes to the tubing and landing tool and extends to the surface. The lower instrumentation line affixes along the stinger. In this

manner, the lower instrumentation line may be installed after expansion of a well screen or liner and may be later removed from the wellbore prior to well workover procedures without pulling the production string.